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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.

Circulation statement table for the month of December, 1908, showing various circulation figures.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 21st day of December, 1908.

Almost anybody can get bills into the legislature. Getting them out is the difficult task.

No one who reads the testimony before the War Investigating commission will accuse Commissary General Egan of having any impediment in his speech.

It may not be out of place to remark that it is only since the exposition that anybody in Omaha ever thought street railway stock worth going to law over.

J. Sterling Morton's paper prints in its current number a learned disquisition on "The Hog of the Future."

Why is it that the grip and every other similar visitation always seems to find its easiest victims among those who occupy berths on the public pay roll? Here is a poser for the medical profession.

Compulsory voting is to be the subject of serious debate in the legislature. A bill has been introduced to make stay-at-homes at election pay a penalty for refusing to discharge their duty as citizens.

If legislative members who persist in introducing bills by the wholesale were compelled to sit and listen to the reading in extension of all those legal proposals it might have a tendency largely to decrease the acreage.

With the big yellow journal howling for expansion the little yellow journals that want to line up with the popocratic statesmen who have taken the other side of the question are having a hard time to keep to their cues.

Representative Fisher's bill to require all officers having custody of public funds to publish annual statements should become a law with an emergency clause attached. Publicity is the most effective means of preventing defalcation.

The coroner's jury investigating the railroad wreck across the river has brought in a verdict laying all the blame upon the unfortunate engineer who lost his life in the catastrophe.

No members of the present legislature are to be thrown over the transom, at any rate not after the committee charged with investigating the contest has reported favorably on the sitting member, as was done by the popocrats in the last legislature.

An increase of considerable over one-half in the number of hogs packed at South Omaha since March 1 is not so bad. A similar increase in the year to come, with Kansas City holding the same ratio of increase as in the present season, will land South Omaha in second place as a pork-packing town.

The British press professes disappointment over the intimation by Senator Foraker that the president's policy contemplates relinquishing the Philippines as soon as the United States can find some suitable disposition for them.

Representative Olmsted has introduced a bill providing for the election of county commissioners in Douglas county by the vote of the entire county. This bill should commend itself to favorable consideration of the legislature.

A SIGNIFICANT DECLARATION. Senator Foraker of Ohio is presumed to have close if not confidential relations with the administration.

There is reason to believe that these utterances were made with an accurate knowledge of the attitude of the president, if indeed they were not prompted from the White House.

If Senator Foraker has accurately stated the position of the president opposition to the ratification of the treaty will largely disappear, while the danger, which now seems imminent, of a serious conflict with the Philippines will be very greatly reduced.

SENATOR HAWLEY. The republicans of Connecticut will be congratulated by the republicans of the entire country upon their decision to continue General Joseph R. Hawley in the United States senate.

Senator Hawley has a conspicuously honorable record in public life. He did excellent service during the civil war, attaining the rank of brevet major general.

THE CANAL BILL. The Nicaragua canal bill will be taken up in the senate next Tuesday and it is the announced intention of the supporters of the measure to push it to a vote as soon as possible.

The bill before the senate, known as the Morgan bill, is understood to have few friends in the house, chiefly on account of the recognition which it gives to the Maritime Canal company.

present session. As a matter of fact the Maritime Canal company has very little if any claim to be considered and the proposal that it shall be given stock to the value of \$5,000,000 is very properly objected to as without any justification.

AS TO OFFICIAL BONDS. The present legislature will be called on to pass upon a proposition which failed in the legislature two years ago to provide for the payment out of the state treasury of the premium on a guaranty bond for the state treasurer.

Without regard to the question whether under the present law and constitution the state treasurer can legally give a guaranty bond, it will be difficult to draw the line if the state undertakes to pay for the bonds of its public officers.

The line might possibly be drawn between public officers charged simply with the satisfactory performance of duties and those entrusted with public property for whose safe keeping they are to be held responsible.

People in their zeal to realize on present opportunities often throw away greater ones in the future and even sometimes lead posterity into bankruptcy. The American lumberman is an example.

Cubans appointed to office by the American commanders have been notified, in response to complaints, that they will not be allowed to use their positions to gratify old grudges.

A five years' truce between the sports who make bird killing a pastime and the quail and wild turkey that roam the Nebraska prairies is proposed by legislative act.

The Commercial club has elected its new directory for the coming year. This means that it is preparing for a new campaign for Greater Omaha.

Vermonters must be queer people. Senator Edmunds some years ago resigned his position in the United States senate, where he was one of its most conspicuous figures.

Despite repeated assertions that he had his re-election clinched, Senator Stewart of Nevada is cultivating the members of the sagebrush legislature.

THE ONE DILEMMA NEEDED. Philadelphia Times. There are one hundred and twenty-two dilemmas in the Philippines.

A PITECROAT IN TROUBLE. New York Sun. Hon. William Morris Stewart has ceased to blaze with his serried columns in the Silver Knight Watchman.

of Nevada want Mr. Stewart or some other silver plutocrat to beard the money power in the senate.

One Fact Brought Out. Pittsburgh Times. The war investigation is developing the fact that there are widely varying tastes in the matter of beef.

If It Pays, Imperialism Goes. Boston Globe. Speaking of "constitutionalism" as touching the question of absorbing the Philippines, a Massachusetts anti-expansionist congressman says bluntly that "if the people believe the thing to be unconstitutional, but profitable they will do it every time; but if they get the idea that it is constitutional, but unprofitable, they will be against it."

Questionable Taste. Philadelphia Ledger. It may be a small matter, but is it in the best of the state for the War department to name army transportation officers as Grant, Sherman and Sheridan?

Depends on Locality. Chicago Tribune. "Democrat?" "Yes."

Win an expansion? Free silver dead? Sir, I am at a loss to know what you mean. "Ha! You're an Omaha democrat! So am I. Shake! I thought at first you were one of those damned New York democrats. Well, well, carry the next election, anyhow. The time-honored principles of the democratic party are bound to win. Let's go and take something."

Imperialism Drops a Peg. Chicago Times-Herald. Today we are forced to make our sovereignty supremely effective in the Philippines.

Unappreciative Savages. Philadelphia Press. The condition of unrest that exists in the Philippines is entirely due to ignorance of the American policy and people and the agitation of would-be leaders.

Regenerating a Pesthole. Kansas City Star. The report of Colonel Waring, describing the condition of Havana as a nest of pestilence, and the opinion of the United States consul at Havana, that the chief reasons for American intervention was to protect the southern states from yellow fever and cholera.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Andrew Carnegie is growing rapidly bald. His hair has always been fine, but what now remains of it is growing scantier day by day.

The late Dr. Campbell Black of Glasgow, Scotland, as a physician and a clinical lecturer, was fond of saying that "medicine is no more an exact science than millinery."

Isadore Lissner, member for Cairns in the Queensland Parliament, is only four feet and six inches tall. Patrick O'Brien, member of the British House of Commons, is four feet three inches tall.

William R. Cox, secretary of the senate, is said to be the swiftest writer of "long hand" in the country. Although he has never tried his speed, it is nearly equal to that of the average shorthand writer.

Need of a Definite Declaration by Congress on the Philippine Question. Buffalo Express. What is needed is an immediate and emphatic assurance by the only body which has authority to give it—the United States congress.

How to End the Trouble. Current reports indicate that a portion of the inhabitants of these islands comprising at present the dominating elements, distrust our purposes toward them and are threatening to resist our authority by force of arms.

Men Who Make Money Not for Money's Sake. New York Commercial Advertiser. Popular opinion is to the effect that it is found that business men in the United States leave estates much smaller than they were supposed to possess.

Whereas, Responsibility for the future government of the Philippine Islands has, by the fortune of war, fallen to the United States; and Whereas, Current reports indicate that a portion of the inhabitants of these islands comprising at present the dominating elements, distrust our purposes toward them and are threatening to resist our authority by force of arms; and Whereas, It is a fundamental principle of our people that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the congress of the United States declares its intention toward the Philippine Islands to be the same as toward Cuba; that it is the hope and desire of this congress that an independent republican form of government be established for the people to be governed, shall be established as soon as may be in those islands, and that when such a government is established on a sufficiently sound basis to be able to give reasonable guarantees of the maintenance of order and civilization and can secure the recognition of the leading nations of the world and can give the United States such recompense as may be just for its financial expenditures in behalf of the islands, the military forces of the United States shall be withdrawn.

That would be the proclamation of a policy, a definite, just and worthy of the great nation which represents republican principles. If Aguinaldo and his followers continued to resist us after receiving such a promise, the guilt of blood would not, at least, be on our heads. If war came then, the burden would be on them with clear consciences, feeling that they had done all in their power to avoid it and that they were fighting to maintain civilization, not to establish empire.

SENATOR HOAR'S WARNING.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Senator Hoar's speech on expansion is not that of a man speaking (Mr.) Hoar is the progress of the country. It is ultra conservative, and summons up a host of evils that have no existence. All the expansion of former years drew forth a few such imaginary pictures of national degeneracy and ruin.

Chicago Tribune: Senator Hoar has a "fixed idea" that the retention of the Philippines will be "immoral and wicked." Believing that, he endeavors to argue that their retention will be unconstitutional and will be in violation of the tenets of the Declaration of Independence—tenets which were appealed to by the confederates when they attempted to set up a government of their own.

Chicago Record: The tenor of Senator Hoar's address shows that he is dealing not so much with the question of technical details as with the larger principles of the constitution and the spirit and principles of the Declaration of Independence as a reason for opposing the extension of sovereignty over an alien people against their will.

Chicago Chronicle: We are, say the imperialists, going to govern the Philippines for the benefit of the natives. The imperialists going to do for the Philippines? First, they are going to shoot such of them as resist enslavement and, having brought the rest into submission, they are going to establish bayonet rule throughout the islands and administer those islands not for the benefit of the natives, but for the benefit of the imperialists.

HORSE OF ANOTHER COLOR.

Imperialistic Affectation for the Filipinos Turned to Hate. The extraordinary change that has come over the imperialist press concerning the Philippines should not be lost upon the American people. A few months ago, in the first agonies of the great debate, the expansion argument of the imperialists followed mainly the line of moral obligation, duty and humanity.

Chicago Record: "Conversation is the only thing that we should talk about," said a graduate, trying to be pathetic at parting. "I am indebted to you for all I know." "Pray do not mention such a trifle," was the reply.

Chicago Tribune: Uncle Elias, just in from Uperuk, jumped out of the way of the car fender and shook his brawny fist at the grimaces. "If you jab that blamed hayrake agin my jugs," he exclaimed, "I'll lick yer!"

Chicago Record: "Go to the Ant, thou Sluggard!" commanded the Provost. Accordingly the Sluggard went to the Ant. "Talk about red tape!" sighed the Sluggard, being quite without the courage to go and see to whom next to go.

HAPPY DAYS.

Philadelphia Times. When I went to school with Molly I would carry Molly's books. And then I'd carry Molly across three little And dally at the stepping-stones while I demand my fee. And then—well, I'd kiss Molly, and Molly, she'd kiss me. Since then I've talked with women a hundred times more fair. With gleaming hands and necks and coils of wild hair. I've not to tell tales out of school—learned much and much have seen. Since Molly was a girl with a tendency to talk past fifteen. But the best time was the time when I knew nothing of the Code. And barefoot Molly trudged along the dusty country road. And the days of days for me were those when 'cross the woodland brooks I would go to school with Molly and would carry Molly's books.

between San Francisco and Australia by this new schedule. This great run across the North American continent, equalling more than one-eighth of the circumference of the earth at the equator and made in less than four days, shows how space and time are annihilated in these last years of the century. If the same speed could be maintained around the world the distance would be accomplished in less than thirty-two days and the trip of Jules Verne would be more than cut in two. With steamers on the Pacific ocean making the same time as the Atlantic steamers now make San Francisco and the Philippine islands would be separated by about eleven days and a journey from Philadelphia to Manila would occupy about fifteen days. Five years more will lop off one day of this time at least and early in the twentieth century two weeks will be considered a reasonable time to travel between Porto Rico and Luzon, the two most widely separated points in the United States. What further increase in speed electricity may have in store must be left for the inventors to tell, but that there will be an increase all past history tells.

THOUGHTS THAT TICKLE.

Yonkers Statesman: Anna—They say I have my mother's mouth and nose. Hannah—Well, your mother was lucky to get rid of 'em.

Roxbury Gazette: Poppin—When I was in New York I stopped at the best hotel. Bidley—Fatterer costly, wasn't it? Poppin—No; I only stopped to admire it.

Somerville Journal: A salary is something more than \$10 a week. Anything less than that is wages.

Chicago Record: "Conversation is the only thing that we should talk about," said a graduate, trying to be pathetic at parting. "I am indebted to you for all I know." "Pray do not mention such a trifle," was the reply.

Indianapolis Journal: "Our duty to humanity," said the Cornfed Philosopher, "is affairs of the weak and oppressed, and our duty to ourselves demands that we should seek to do good to the strong."

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Detroit Free Press: "There is nothing more uncertain than a horse race," exclaimed the man with a tendency to talk loud. "You never worked in a weather bureau, did you?"

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Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Wot's that book you've got there, Wary?" "That's the 'Art of Dining Well,'" said the man with a tendency to talk loud. "Oh, I dunno. A feller can admire art without bein' an artist, Lumpy."

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